



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 1 Week: 7 Week ending: 16.10.2020

Religious Education

Baptism – Belonging – Welcome

This week the children learnt about important signs and symbols in a Baptism Ceremony. They shared their own Baptism photos and artefacts with their classmates and looked out for some symbols such as the Baptism candle and the white garment. They also learnt how to make the sign of the cross and its importance within a Baptism ceremony.

Communication and Language & Literacy

This week in Literacy we read 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We discussed the story and the events that occurred and made a list of the characters. Later in the week we used speech bubbles to show when the characters were speaking and in role, suggested what they might say. We also read an alternative version of the story, in which there was a kind giant called 'Stinky Jack and the Beanstalk.' The children really enjoyed this and chanting the repeated refrain.

Phonics

This week we continued with our Phase 1 phonics, playing games where we listened out for initial sounds and listened to robot talk to try and identify and object from a selection of three. We made percussion sounds with our bodies and tried to follow clapping rhythms before making up some of our own. Next week, earlier than anticipated, we will begin Phase 2 and the children will begin to learn some letters and sounds.

Maths

This week in maths we continued learning about '1'. We explored numicon and coins to see if we could identify which represented 1 and which coins were pennies (1ps). We looked at time and learnt all about the face and hands of the clock and identified when the clock said 1 o'clock. We also introduced part-part whole diagrams and showed how we could make 1 (1+0 and 0+1) and then recap all the ways we know 1 can be represented. Next week we will move on to number 2. In their child-initiated learning they enjoyed measuring the beanstalks that they had made and ordering items from the story from smallest to largest.

Home Learning

Spot the number 1 - Can you find all the number 1s in this number scramble?

When we begin Phase 2 phonics, we use the songs from the 'Jolly Phonics' scheme as aide memoires to help the children remember each phoneme and grapheme.

The booklet provided has the action that accompanies each song and is a great way of helping to learn so you can look over these with your child in advance and use these as your child learns each new sound/letter.

Snack

Mon - Yoghurts Tues - Cheese and crackers
Weds - rice cakes Thurs - Cereal
Fri - Sweet treat

Expressive Arts & Design

The children enjoyed making their own beanstalks this week and the giant's castle with the small and large blocks. They have begun to experiment with junk modelling materials and we had some fantastic creations. The children really thought about what they wanted their models to look like and persevered in making them look realistic by adding collage materials.

Other Information

Thank you for sending in your Baptism artefacts and photographs - it has been lovely sharing these within each class.

Next week the children will be start their reading journey. Our Reading and Handwriting PowerPoint presentation will be uploaded onto our website next week in order to help you support your children as they begin the exciting challenge of learning to read.